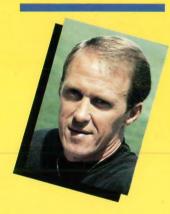




## PHILS PAGE



In extending a warm welcome to our friends from Brentford this afternoon I would like to pay tribute to Steve Perryman's chairman and board of directors for staying loyal to their manager.

The Brentford directors

have shown the same sort of loyalty to Steve that I was afforded by my directors just over a year ago. And, speaking from my own experience I know how Steve will have welcomed it.

Situations like ours illustrate that maybe the gospel of stability is being spread around. I think we saw for ourselves how things turned to our advantage after last year's affair and I'm delighted to say that Steve's team has climbed well away from the foot of the division after their indifferent start. They have had a good run recently but I'm sure he will understand when I say I'd like nothing more than to take three points off them today.

After the disappointment of things not going as we'd have liked against Crewe on Tuesday it is important that we get a win under our belts. We mustn't get too anxious about the situation though. Players and fans alike have got to remain calm in such circumstances. I know it's easy to say and much harder to put into practice but let's try to keep calm.

We know now more than ever before that we've got to work hard for every point we get, whether at home or away.

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Margaret would like to thank through the programme, the Chairman, Directors, Players, Staff and Supporters of B.W.F.C. for all their kind wishes during her recent illness.

It's nice to see Margaret back at the Club and no doubt it will be 'back to business' once again in the Football Office.

#### BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION 3 Top Scorers (League games only) Upto and including 20.3.90.

20	_	Taylor (Bristol C.)
18	_	Holdsworth (Brentford)
		Williamson (Rotherham)
17		Muir (Tranmore)

16 — Robinson (Bury)
 14 — Bailey (Birmingham)
 McGinlay (Shrewsbury)
 Malkin (Tranmere)

13 - Pike (Cardiff)

Walker (Fulham)

12 — Barnes (Northampton)
Mehew (Bristol R.)

11 — Johnson (Notts Co.) Mendanca (Rotherham) Philliskirk (Bolton W.) Senior (Reading)

#### UPDATE CHART ON THE BREAKDOWN OF GATES, INCREASES AND THE AMOUNT OF VISITING FANS AT EACH GAME.

Fulham Rochdale Bristol R.	This Season 5524 4637 5913	Last Season 4289 — 4821	Increase 1235 — 1092	League Littlewoods Cup League	Visiting Supporters 194 730 502
Watford	6856	_	_	Littlewoods Cup	27
L. Orient	5951	_		League	194
Mansfield	5797	4936	861	League	163
Wigan A.	6462	6166	296	League	658
Chester	6496	4318	2178	League	328
Walsall	7363	_	_	League	165
Swansea	6618	4178	2440	League	177
Swindon	11533	_	_	Littlewoods Cup	610
Swindon	14129		_	Littlewoods Cup	594
Crewe	3868	_	_	Leyland DAF	326
North'pton	5501	4446	1055	League	199
Blackpool	9944	7106	2838	League	1240
Bury	10608	7897	2711	League	1899
Lincoln	4420		_	Leyland DAF	49
Cardiff C.	7017	4831	2186	League	292
Rotherham	6838	_	_	Leyland DAF	558
Rotherham	7728	_	-	League	692
Birmingham	7618	_	_	League	731
Notts County	8420	4521	3899	League	693

#### BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION 3—AVERAGE HOME LEAGUE ATTENDANCES A five year review of current Third Division Clubs

	1989-90 (to date)	1988-89	1987-88	1986-87	1985-86
Birmingham C.		6265	8578	7426	10899
Blackpool	4070	4276	4077	3866	4535
Bolton W.	7138	5528	5017	4851	4846
Brentford	5799	5681	4581	3918	3956
Bristol C.	10268	8120	9817	9441	6599
Bristol R.	5872	5259	3652	3245	4195
Bury	3171	3367	2565	2501	2888
Cardiff C.	3571	4384	4389	2826	3061
Chester C.	2309	3055	2663	2731	2956
Crewe A.	3847	3296	2280	1931	1817
Fulham	4316	4938	4921	4085	4623
Huddersfield T.	. 5976	5821	6841	6617	6821
Leyton O.	4343	3793	3932	2857	2628
Mansfield T.	3177	4005	3810	3215	3764
Northampton T	. 3310	3918	5514	6316	2384
Notts Co.	5715	5675	6336	4728	4403
Preston N.E.	6242	7737	6194	8079	3502
Reading	4361	5105	6945	6883	6892
Rotherham U.	5840	5063	3665	2983	3474
Shrewsbury T.	3582	4706	4944	4097	3926
Swansea C.	4495	4896	4471	5169	4305
Tranmere R.	7157	5331	3321	2126	1566
Walsall	4285	6108	5597	5312	4890
Wigan A.	2688	3151	3758	3397	4148
[1989-90 details	s are up to and inclu	ding 20.3.90.]			





#### LITTLEWOODS CUP OFFICIALS NAMED

The Football League have announced that John Martin from Four Marks, near Alton in Hampshire will take charge of this year's Littlewoods Challenge Cup Final. Mr. Martin has previously refereed both the Charity Shield and the Simod Cup Final in 1988.

The game, featuring holders Nottingham Forest and Oldham Athletic, will be played at Wembley Stadium on Sunday, 29th April, kicking off at 3.00 p.m. and will be covered live exclusively on ITV's 'The Match'.

The two linesmen have been named as Jeff Cox (Crewkerne, Somerset) and Dave Frampton (Poole, Dorset). Reserve referee is Keren Barratt from Coventry.

#### THE PLAY-OFF SYSTEM

As the season enters its final stages many clubs, who currently occupy a mid-table position, know that thanks to the play-offs, promotion is still well within reach. Supporters have given the play-offs their overwhelming backing, as detailed recently in the Bulletin, having realised the opportunity available to their teams through the system which was introduced by The League in season 1986/87.

Promotion and relegation places in The Barclays League are:—

#### DIVISION ONE

Champions

Automatic relegation Bottom three clubs

#### **DIVISION TWO**

Automatic Promotion Top two clubs

Final promotion place via play-offs Featuring clubs finishing in

third fourth fifth sixth position

Automatic relegation Bottom three clubs

#### **DIVISION THREE**

Automatic Promotion Top two clubs

Final promotion place via play-offs
Featuring clubs finishing in

third fourth fifth sixth position

Automatic relegation Bottom four clubs

#### DIVISION FOUR

Automatic Promotion
Top three clubs

Final promotion place via play-offs Featuring clubs finishing in

fourth fifth sixth seventh position

Automatic relegation Bottom club

Play-off semi-finals to be played on Sunday, 13th May and Wednesday, 16th May, 1990. Play-off finals will be staged at Wembley Stadium on 26th, 27th and 28th May, (more detailed information will be announced at a later date).

#### THE A & B MOTORS KNOCK OUT TOURNAMENT SEMI FINALS AND FINAL

Played at the Bumden Sports Centre on Thursday, 15th March 1990.

These games brought the A & B Motors Knock Out Tournament to a climax. Considering the importance of the games, and all wanting to win, all games were played in a very sporting manner. The standard of football and sportsmanship was a credit to all

taking part.

HB Electronics and Deane FC got the show on the road in a very close game. Both teams played some nice football but failed to turn good opportunities into goals. Midway through the first half, Deane's Tommy Burtonwood's "(Most Uncharacteristic)" poor pass back to keeper Simon Robinson let in HB's James Chadwick who capitalised on this error to score what proved to be the winning goal. Deane had their moments but it was not to be their night.

The second semi final brought together Premier Division and First Division Champions Morris Green and Campbells Seven. A game of fast flowing football with both defences on top. Goals chances were few. Full time the score was 0-0. In extra time period both teams squandered good goal chances. Morris Green won a sudden death penalty shoot out 1-0, Fitzroy Barnes scoring to take Green into the final.

FINAL

A good even game. HB's James Chadwick, Quarter Final and Semi Final goal scorer, saw an early effort strike Green's keeper Lee Bonney's legs with the keeper going the wrong way. HB continued to pressurise Green with Ian McDonaugh and Dave Liptrott both going close. Green came more into the game and in the 8th minute Green's Wayne Kenneddy finished a good team move to score for Green. HB keeper Simon Tonge kept his side in contention with some good saves from Greens John Bonney and Steve Kemp. Try as they might HB failed to penetrate the Green's rearguard and Kenneddy's goal proved to be the winner.



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## PLAYER PROFILE

DEAN EDGE Name: Dean Edge Place/Date of Birth: Widnes/23.9.72.

Married: No Children: No Favourite Other

Team: Manchester

United

Favourite Away Ground: Old Trafford Best Player you have seen in your position:

George Best

**Best Goal scored and how:** Scored a left foot volley from 25 yards for my under 15 side.

Best Goal seen: Eder v

USSR (1982)
Best Sporting
Moment outside
Football:

Seeing
Widnes
become
world
champs.
The Liveliest

Character you have met in football:

Phil Brown/Steve Thompson

Details of your First Match:

Sub at Huddersfield in Youth Cup.

Your worst moment on the football field: Seeing Coffey break his leg. The funniest incident you have seen on a football pitch: Birksy missed ball in front of goal.

Your best pal in football: Nick Bentham, Ste Coffey, Ste Birks.

The best and worst dressers among your team mates:

Phil Brown/Darren Mason

Do you have any hobbies: Rugby, Snooker.

With which sports star would you like to change places for a day?: Jonathan Davies (Widnes)

Your favourite newspaper: Daily Star Your favourite holiday spot:

Benidorm

**Biggest risk taken in your life:** Booking a holiday with my brother, Birksy and Coffey.

Happiest moment outside football:

Widnes winning the League (again)

**BOLTON MATCHDAY MAGAZINE 7** 





#### **BRENTFORD**



This afternoon we extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Brentford. Celebrating their centenary season, the Bees were widely tipped as one of the likely promotion candidates before a ball was kicked in earnest last August but they have certainly had an up and down campaign so far.

In a disastrous start to the season, Brentford gained only two League points from their first six games and with only 20 points from their first 21 games began the new year deep in relegation trouble. A 4-0 home win over Walsall on 1st January heralded a dramatic change in fortunes and the

Bees began to live up to their pre season. billing with a string of superb performances which saw seven wins a draw and only one defeat in a spell of nine games upto the end of February. The Bees had risen to ninth place when they visited Rotherham on 3rd March but successive 1-2 away defeats at Millmoor and three days later at Wigan put an end to their good run. Worse was to follow with a 0-2 home defeat by Crewe, and although the Bees won 1-0 at Birmingham, a 0-2 defeat at leaders Bristol City last Saturday left them locked in mid table. On Tuesday Brentford were at home to Preston and despite taking a 2-0 lead with goals by Holdsworth and Blissett in the first 23 minutes, had to settle for a point as Preston came back with goals by Joyce and Williams, the equaliser coming in the last min-

Away from home Brentford have recorded wins at Crewe (3-2), Northamptoin (2-0), Bury (2-0), Leyton Orient (1-0) and Birmingham (1-0) and have drawn at Cardiff and Chester. Of 10 defeats on their ravels, the heaviest was 0-4 at Blackpool in November. Of home performances, Brentford's most noteworthy wins have been against promotion chasing Rotherham (4-2), Bristol Rovers (2-1) and Huddersfield (2-1), all since the turn of the year.

In cup competitions, Brentford went out of the Littlewoods Cup on a 3-5 aggregate to First Division Manchester City after a first round win over Brighton. In the FA Cup they lost 0-1 to Colchester United at Griffin Park in the first round and went out of the Leyland DAF Cup at the second round stage, losing on penalties to Bristol Rovers after a 2-2 draw at Griffin Park.

Brentford have been disrupted by injuries and suspensions in recent games, preventing manager Steve Perryman from Fielding a settled side. Already 26 players have represented the club in League games so far this season and in the last few weeks Perryman has been forced to blood a number of the club's promising younger players

who have come up through the youth ranks. After the midweek games Brentford were in 11th position in the League with 46 points from 36 games, eight points adrift of a play off position. Clearly Brentford need a return to their form of January and February in the last ten games if they are to have an outside chance of figuring in the end of season play offs.

League Appearances 1989-90 (Unto and including 17 3 90 )

(Upto and including 17.3.90.)
Parks 33, Buttigleg 9+5, Stanislaus 24, Millen 25, Evans 33, Ratcliffe 31, Jones 32, May 30, Godfrey 12+9, Blissett 30+1, Smillie 33, Haag 1+4, Ansah 0+1, Bates 10+4, Cadette 7+9, Cockram 16+5, Fleming 12+2, Holdsworth 28, Perryman 3, Moncur 5, Branagan 2, Cousins 5+1, Peters 1+1, Gayle 1+3, Buckle 2+1, Driscoll 0+1.

League Goals (50):

Holdsworth 18, Blissett 9, May 8, Smillie 4, Evans 2, Jones 2, Ratcliffe 2, Godfrey 1, Moncur 1, Stanislaus 1, Cockram 1, Cadette 1.

Cup Goals (15):

Holdsworth 4, May 3, Millen 2, Blissett 2, Evans 1, Smillie 1, Godfrey 1, Cadette 1.

FORM GUIDE-Last 10 games Huddersfield T. (h) Leyton O. (a) W 1-0 Cardiff C (h) 0-1 Northampton T. (h) 3-2 Rotherham U. (a) 1-2 Wigan A. (a) 1-2 Crewe A. (h) 0-2 W Birmingham C. (a) 1-0 Bristol C (a) 0-2 Preston N.E. 2-2

The Brentford manager is 38 year old Steve Perryman MBE, who made 655 League appearances, a club record, for Tottenham Hotspur between 1969-86 and was captain for many years. After a short spell at Oxford United, Steve moved to Griffin Park as Player/Assistant Manager in November 1986. He took overfrom Frank McLintock as manager three months later. Steve has played in three League games this season to take his career total to an awesome 725 and is the proud holder of one England cap, as substitute against Iceland in 1982. Phil Neal was in the England side also that day.

Goalkeeper Tony Parks was signed from Spurs for £60,000 in August 1988. The 27 year old, Hackney born number one was understudy to Ray Clemence for a long time at White Hart Lane but earned a spot in the headlines with a penalty save in the 1984 UEFA Cup Final against Anderlecht which

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Season	Div.	Position	Cup	Cup	Apps	Scorer
1984-85	3	12th	2	3	Murray 46	Cassells 12, Cooke 12
1985-86	3	10th	2	1	Murray 45	Cooke 17
1986-87	3	11th	1	2	Sinton 46	Cooke 20
1987-88	3	12th	1	1	Sinton 46	Sinton 11
1988-89	3	7th	2	6	Evans 45	Cadette 12





culminated in Spurs winning the cup. This season he has missed only two games and passed a century of League appearances. Simon Ratcliffe was born in Davyhulme and spent his early career as an apprentice at Manchester United. A £40,000 move to Norwich in May 1987 gave the 23 year old an opportunity of first team football and Brentford paid £100,000 to sign the versatile defender or midfielder in January 1989. Roger Stanislaus was signed from Arsenal early into the 1987-88 season. The talented 21 year old left back has since been a regular in the Bees' first team and recently made his 100th League appearance for the club

Keith Millen is a 23 year old Croydon born defender who was last seasons Players' Player of the Year at Griffin Park. A former Brentford junior who played in the FRT final against Wigan at Wembley as a teenager in June 1985, Keith is only a dozen or so games short of 200 League appearances. Terry Evans is a 6ft. 4 central defender who joined Brentford from Hillingdon Borough. After a serious injury threatened his career early in his time at Griffin park, Terry bravely fought back to full fitness and missed only one game last season. He has continued to be a regular in the number five shirt this term, passing his 100 League appearances last September. Allan Cockram is a 27 year old midfield player who made a handful of appearances for Spurs and Bristol Rovers before moving into non league with St. Albans City. He has proved a successful signing since joining Brentford near the end of the 1987-88 season. Skipper Keith Jones was signed from Chelsea for £40,000 in September 1987. The 24 year old Dulwich born midfielder recently made



Back Row (left to right): Keith Millen, Robert Larkin, Simon Ratcliffe, John Buttigieg, Terry Evans, Gary Blissett, Kelly Haag, Jamie Bates.

Middle Row:Tony Gourvish (Coach), Paul Buckle, Roger Stanislaus, Matt Howard, Marcus Gayle, Tony Parks, Colin Jones, Kevin Godfrey, Jason Cousins, Mark Fleming, Roy Clare (Physio)

Front Row: Eddie May, Allan Cockram, Andy Ansah, Steve Perryman (Manager), Keith Jones (Captain), Phil Holder (Ass. Manager), Richard Cadette, Neil Smillie, Robert Peters.

his 100th League appearance for the Bees and is widely regarded as one of the best players in the Third Division by fellow professionals. Keith is a former England Youth International.

Eddie May was signed from Hibernian for a club record fee of £167,000 in July 1989. The Edinburgh born former Scottish U-21 International was seen as a direct replacement for Andy Sinton, who moved to QPR for £350,000 a year ago. Eddie has been a regular in Brentford's side this season and already scored eleven goals in League and Cup. 21 year old striker Dean Holdsworth was signed from Watford for a reported six figure fee in September. Dean had limited first team opportunities at Vicarage Road and gained valuable League experience in loan spells at Carlisle, Port Vale, Swansea and Brentford. The twin brother of Watford defender David, Dean scored on his Brentford debut against Wigan and has since proved a most astute signing, with 22 goals in League and Cup, including a hat trick against Rotherham in January. Gary Blissett joined Brentford from Crewe for £60,000 in March 1987. The 25 year old Manchester born striker was a key figure in the Brentford side which reached the FA Cup quarterfinals last season and has scored 68 goals in around 240 career League

games. He is another player to have made his 100th League appearance for Brentford this season.

Neil Smillie is a 31 year old Barnsley born midfield player who formerly played for Crystal Palace, Brighton, Watford and Reading. He had a loan spell at Brentford earlier in his career and joined the club on a permanent basis in July 1988. A vastly experienced player, with around 280 career League games behind him, Neil was a member of Brighton's FA Cup Final team of 1983 which lost after a replay to Manchester United. Kevin Godfrey is a 30 year old forward who gave fine service to his first club. Levton Orient, where he scored 65 goals in 285 appearances. Kevin joined Brentford last season, initially on a trial basis, and became a regular member of the side to earn a full contract. In recent weeks, former YTS products Robert Peters, Paul Buckle, Jason Cousins and Marcus Gayle have all featured in the first team squad.



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#### 'RAILWAYMEN' TAKE STEAM OUT OF BOLTON

Catch us if you can—that seems to be the signal from both Tranmere and Bristol City at the moment.

During the week TRANMERE continued to stamp their authority on the Division with an excellent 2-0 home win over NOTTS COUNTY and went top of the League—be it only for 24 hours. That was until BRISTOL CITY travelled to SWANSEA. Swans new manager Terry Yorath must be wondering what hit his team after this 5-0 defeat.

A good midweek turnout of 7,200 saw BOLTON play out a scoreless draw with CREWE at Burnden. It was a game where the visitors could easily have produced a shock half time lead had they taken the opportunities that came their way and Dave Felgate was called upon to defy Crewe's eager strikers. The Wanderers stepped up a gear in the second period and Stuart Storer was unlucky not to have snatched maximum points in the closing minutes when his shot whistled past the post after a brilliant build up.

Today's visitors shared the spoils with PRESTON at Griffin Park at 2-2. Former Wanderer Warren Joyce started the second half Preston rally.

BRENTFORD didn't get the best of starts to the present campaign, then suddenly hit a winning streak mid season. It was a David Reeves 'double' that earned Wanderers maximum points in a 2-1 victory way back in October on away territory.

BURY who had notched three wins on the trot to revive their promotion hopes faced a difficult midweek trip to fellow candidates BRIS-TOL ROVERS. Two goals in the last 20 minutes preserved Rovers unbeaten home record and kept the 'Pirates' on the road to promotion. Sixth placed Bury had looked set to shock the West Country outfit when the Shakers took a first half lead, but Rovers got on top in the second half to complete a 2-1 victory.

#### THE TOP FLIGHT

Liverpool had the opportunity to go top of Division One had they salvaged anything from the mid week encounter with Spurs at White Hart Lane but Paul Stewart had other ideas. Coming on as sub he headed home the winner to end Liverpool's 20 match unbeaten run and the Championship race is wide open.

MANCHESTER CITY included their new £800,000 recruit from Arsenal, Niall Quinn and he earned a standing ovation from the City fans after scoring on his debut to earn a 1-1 draw against CHELSEA at Maine Road. MANCHESTER UNITED's relegation zone worries continue after being defeated 1-0 by SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY at Hillsborough. The Owls could have won by a bigger margin.

EVERTON's Tony Cottee clinched the points against MILLWALL at the Dell with a 2-1 victory. The Lions now occupy second from bottom spot as Division 2 beckons next term.

In the news OLDHAM beat the deadline by completing the transfer of Bolton born Paul Moulden from Bournemouth at a fee of £225,000.

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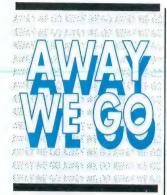
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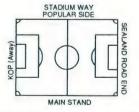


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The Travel Club are taking bookings for the game at Leyton Orient on Tuesday, 27th March, 1990. The price is £10.50 and the coaches leave at 1.30 p.m. Programme: 70p

#### **Travel Information**

From Bolton take A666/M61/M62 (follow Liverpool signs) to M6 junction at Croft. Take M6/M61 south to intersection 7, junction with M10, then M10 to intersection 1, junction with A405. Take A405 to junction with A6, A6 to South Mimms junction with M25, then M25 to junction with M11. Take M11 to intersection 3, junction with A11/A12 at Wanstead. Take A11 to Leyton and Orient's football ground which is off the A11, Leystone Road, on your right in approximately 2 miles.

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Programme: 70p.

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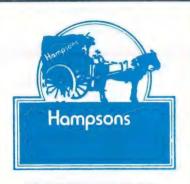
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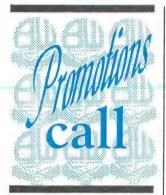


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How I envy you lucky people in Bolton being able to go to all the matches; the only one I've seen this season was the Littlewoods Cup 3rd round tie at Swindon (the first one 3-3!), it was a thrilling match!

However, now that I've discovered "Road Runner", an occasional video will be the next best thing.

I've followed the ups and downs of Bolton for a good 25 years, and things are certainly looking promising at the moment.

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> Yours sincerely. Marlene Boxall (Mrs.) (St. Peter, Jersey, C.I.)



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#### 24th March



PAUL JONES
Equalised at Southend
on this day in 1973.

1894—On Easter Saturday the Wanderers visited Newton Heath who were rooted at the foot of the League. Over 10,000 were at the Clayton Ground to see a 2-2 draw with Jim Cassidy and Bob Tannahill scoring for the Wanderers.

1917—The Wanderers again visited Manchester United this time at Old Trafford in a Lancashire section war competition game. Despite scoring three goals for the second week in succession, through Jones and Geddes (2), United won 6-3.

1923—Another visit to Old Trafford but this time to face Sheffield United in the semifinals of the FA Cup. The gates were closed an hour before kick off with a then record gate of 72,000 inside. A goal from David Jack, a minute into the second half, sent the Wanderers to Wembley.

1928—Leicester City visited Burnden taking a point from a 3-3 draw, Jim McClelland (2) and Billy Butler scoring for Bolton.

1934—G. T. Taylor gave the Wanderers a 20th minute lead at Blackpool but the home side hit back during the second half to force a draw.

1951—Bolton's hopes of late run to secure the League Championship lay in ruins after two defeats in two days. A Nat Lofthouse goal was all they could muster as Stoke ran out 2-1 winners at the Victoria Ground, this followed a Good Friday defeat at Blackpool who completed the double on Easter Money.

1973— The Wanderers extended their unbeaten run in the Third Division to seven games with a 1-1 draw at Southend United. Peter Taylor shot Southend in front but centre half Paul Jones was on hand at a right wing corner to head home the equaliser.

1979—Bolton recorded their first success for a month with a 2-0 win over Southampton at Burnden. Alan Gowling was on the mark with both goals to commence a run of five wins and one draw that would ensure safety from relegation.

1984—Goals from Neil Whatmore, Steve Thompson and Warren Joyce put the Wanderers into the driving seat at Newport County but the Welshmen hit back before going down 3-2.



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Bolton's second goal.
BELOW LEFT: Julian Darby climbs high
to head home Bolton's first goal against
Notts County.

ABOVE RIGHT: Julian Darby celebrates after scoring Wanderers opening goal against Notts County.

BELOW RIGHT: David Reeves flicks a header just wide of the Notts County





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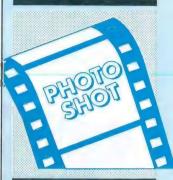
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"It's a case of just keeping the points mounting up and putting pressure on the other teams"



With just thirteen games left to play, seven of these at home, it doesn't need anvbody to point out the importance of these matches as we come towards the final quarter of the season. As Tranmere have shown, putting a run of successive wins together can really give you a tremendous springboard and even though themselves and Bristol City have opened a gap from the chasing clubs things can change within a couple of weeks, so it's a case of just keeping the points mounting up and putting the pressure on the other teams.

Tuesday night proved one important point that there are no easy games with Crewe looking very dangerous on the break and on a couple of occasions Dave Felgate had to make fine saves. The crowd, once again over 7,000, was the highest in the Third Division on the night and showed that Phil Neal has built a side that the fans are attracted to with the style of football they play. Unfortunately on the night we couldn't quite get that all important win but this afternoon gives us the opportunity to secure a victory and also do the double over Steve Perryman's Brentford side who had a disappointing start to the season before climbing to a mid table spot recently.

Brentford have in fact lost 18 of their 36 games but on the other hand they won 14 games with only 4 draws so it has really been an inconsistent season for the London side who were among the pre season favourites for promotion. They were held at home on Tuesday night to Preston after at one time holding a 2 goal advantage. It seems on paper that conceding goals has been one of their major problems because when it comes to scoring they are the fourth highest in the Division.

Moving on to a lighter note and the interesting news from the world of pop music of a certain group called J.T. and the Big Family, Could that be old favourite John Thomas by any chance, who recently moved back to Preston North End? The pop group have just had a top ten hit but when investigations went a little bit further it turned out that John's singing talents were quite up to the mark of his goalscoring abilities, at least that's according to his former team mates who scoffed at the idea of seeing John on Top of the Pops. Well, you never know—Julios Inglais used to play football for a living and look where he is now!

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30	Stoke C.	H	3-4
Sep.			
6	West Bromwich A.	Α	1-5
13		H	2-3
	York City		
19	Burnley	Α	1-0
20	Littlewoods Cup 2/1L		
27	Blackpool	H	0-1
Oct.			
2	Mansfield T.	Α	4-2
4	Littlewoods Cup 2/2L		
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11	Preston N.E.		0-0
18	Port Vale	Α	1-1
25	Wolverhampton W.	H	1-2
Nov.			
8	Wigan Ath.	H	P
15	Sunderland	Α	2-3
22	Scunthorpe Utd.	A	1-3
29	Barnsley	Н	1-0
Dec.			_
5	Grimsby T.	Α	P
13	Middlesborough	H	1-4
19	Rotherham Utd.	Α	P
Jan.	Notherhall Old.		
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3	Stoke City		
10	Sheffield W.	H	2-4
17	York City	Α	1-1
24	West Brom. Albion	H	P
31	Burnley	H	P
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21	Mansfield T.	Н	
28	Barnsley	Α	
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#### 5th March, 1990. Bolton Wanderers 2 Port Vale 1

The Wanderers extended their unbeaten run to five games at the expense of Port Vale.

It wasn't until the 26th minute that the Vale goal was seriously tested with Alan Stubbs seeing his header from a Neil Fisher corner well saved by Trevor Wood.

Ten minutes from half time Robbie Savage had a close range shot deflected over the bar and from the resulting comer Mike Jeffrey headed Bolton in front.

Paul Millar equalised for Vale in the 64th minute but the Wanderers got their deserved winner wight minutes from time. Neil Fisher caused problems down the left for the Vale defence before cutting in and sending in a shot that Wood could only push into the path of substitute lan Stevens who made no mistake.

#### **TEAMS**

Bolton: Rose, Hughes, Oliver, Spooner, Neal, Stubbs, Henshaw, Savage, Jeffrey, Brookman, Fisher. Subs: Stevens for Brookman, Roberts.

Port Vale: Wood, Davidson, Booth, Myatt, Kidd, Finney, Miller, Johnston, Millar, Mills, Ford. Subs: Moore. Lowe.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE-DIVISION 2
Table as at 19th March, 1990.
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Sunderland		25	15	5	5	48	22	50
Rotherham Utd.		25	12	5	8	33	23	41
Middlesbrough		25	9	9	7	36	25	36
Scunthorpe Utd.		26	10	6	10	35	38	36
Stoke City		25	10	5	10	39	35	35
West Brom. Alb.		22	9	7	6	43	27	34
Port Vale		25	9	7	9	44	51	34
Barnsley		25	10	3	12	37	37	33
Mansfield T.		25	10	3	12	31	45	33
York City		25	10	2	13	35	42	32
Blackpool		26	8	8	10	32	42	32
Preston N.E.		25	9	5	11	24	44	32
Bolton Wand.		23	7	6	10	33	41	27
Wigan Ath.		22	6	4	12	26	39	22
Burnley		22	6	2	14	23	41	20
Grimsby Town		24	4	4	16	24	49	16

#### 12th March, 1990. Rotherham United 1 Bolton Wanderers 1

The Wanderers were never second best against promotion contenders Rotherham United at Millmoor and indeed could have snatched the points late on.

In a goalless first half both keepers were on top form with United keeper Billy Mercerdoing well against Neil Fisher and Phi Neal. Kevin Rose twice denied Clive Mendonca and Pat Heard from breaking the deadlock.

The second half was six minutes old when the Wanderers took the lead. Nicky Brookman held the ball on the right before releasing an inch perfect pass for Mike Jeffrey to run onto and release a low shot past Mercer's despairing dive.

Unfortunately the lead lasted only four minutes as Clive Mendonca, scorer of United's two League goals at Burnden last month, capitalised on a poor Phil Neal clearance to shoot past Kevin Rose.

Despite losing Paul Hughes and his replacement, Darren Mason, through injury, the Wanderers finished the stronger. TEAMS

Bolton: Rose, Hughes, Neal, Spooner, Stubbs, Crombie, Henshaw, Savage, Jeffrey, Brookman, Fisher. Subs: Mason for Hughes, Stevens for Mason. Rotherham: Mercer, Russell, Heard, Dempsey, Richardson, Watts, Thompson, Cox, Evans, Mendonca, Wilson.

Subs: Howard, Brooks,



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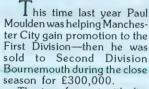
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#### PAUL MOULDEN Oldham Athletic

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The transfer met with disapproval from sections of the Maine Road faithfulls who had seen the Bolton born youngster progress through the

This week Oldham manager Joe Royle swooped to beat the transfer deadline to bring Paul back to his native North West with a successful £225,000 bid—a Club record

The player explained, "It all happened last Tuesday as we were preparing for a training session at our hotel base; we were due to play Oldham the same night. I received a message that our manager Harry Redknapp wanted to see me. He told me that he had received an offer, a good offer. When he told me it was Oldham I nearly snatched his hand off. I went to see Joe Royle and signed just before kickoff and finished up in the Stand watching. The game was a cake walk for Oldham winning 4-0.

> If our readers think that this transfer transaction was fast, spare a thought for the columnist who moved swiftly to beat the print deadline.

"I've only just passed the medical" said Paul. haven't met all of the lads yet. I've done my first days training with Andy Ritchie and Frankie Bunn.

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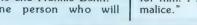
approve of Joe Royle's record signing is Tommy Docherty who rates Oldham and Moulden. Paul is obviously delighted to be back on the North West stage but has a high regard for Bournemouth. He said, "They have some good players such as Luther Blissett who is a tremendous bloke We had knocked in 30 goals between us this season. Luther 17 and me 13. Goalkeeper Phil Kite and his family also became close friends and there's a good spirit at the Club.1

Paul's new club won the admiration of football followers nationwide this term having already reached the Littlewoods Cup Final and a pending FA Cup semi-final encounter against Manchester United at Maine Road. He said, "Yes a trip to Wembley and I can't play!" But he won't be an automatic choice in the team. Paul revealed, "I've been told I'll have to fight for a place and that suits me. My main aim is now to help Oldham promotion.

Will it be at the expense of Manchester City one wonders?

Paul is now back home with his mum Brenda and dad Tony but has sights on buying his own house in the near future. But uppermost in Paul's mind is Oldham's home game against Hull City today.

Before signing off Paul had a special word for his previous manager, Harry Redknapp, when he said, "He's lost money on me but when I signed he told me he wouldn't stand in my way should another club come in for me. He's done well for me and I've done well for him. I have left with no malice.



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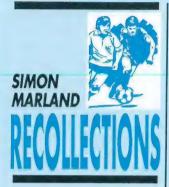


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"Both clubs won promotion to Division One"

Photo: Captain Warwick Rimmer leads the Wanderers on a lap of honour after being presented with the Third Division Championship Trophy in April 1973.

Brentford today visit Burnden Park for the 14th occasion in the football League with the Wanderers looking to record a hat trick of consecutive wins over the Londoners for the first time and to record their first double.

It was at Second Division level that paths first crossed when in September 1933 the Wanderers won 3-2 at Burnden. Fletcher opened the scoring for the Bees after quarter of an hour and soon after Hopkins made it two.

Ray Westwood reduced the arrears before half time and Jack Milsom volleyed the equaliser in the 69th minute. It wasn't until the final minute that the issue was decided when Milsom converted a penalty, awarded after he had been tripped on a clear run at goal.

The following February Bolton made their first visit to Griffin Park and went down 3-1 with Ray Westwood finding the net for the Wanderers.

Both clubs won promotion to Division One in 1935 and met at Burnden on the opening day of the new season. The Wanderers had sold 3519 season tickets, a record not beaten until 1953, for their return to the top flight but the party was spoiled when the Bees won 2-0 to register their first win on the ground.

The Wanderers had to wait until more recently to end their poor run of results at Griffin Park, with the first success coming in November 1986, by 2-1 at the 13th attempt. Mark Gavin and Steve Thompson scoring the goals.

It was in April 1973 that Brentford made their first visit to Burnden for a Third Division encounter and probably the most memorable for Bolton supporters. The Wanderers not only won 2-0 before a 21,646 crowd, with goals from John Byrom and Peter Nicholson, but also were awarded the Third Division Championship Trophy.

In last season's encounter the Wanderers ran out 4-2 winners in scorching conditions. John Thomas struck twice whilst Julian Darby and Robbie Savage also scored for Bolton whilst Andy Ansah, making his full League debut, scored twice for the Bees.

Earlier this season the Wanderers won 2-1 at Griffin Park with two goals from David Reeves.

Our overall League record against Brentford is as follows:—

Pl W D L F A Home 13 7 3 3 20 14 Away 14 2 4 8 13 27 Total 27 9 7 11 33 41







Bolton prepared for the new season with a couple of signings from Oldham Athletic. Welsh International centre forward, Evan Jones and Farnworth born, Walter Rowley, who was later to serve the Club as coach and manager, came to Burnden along with Welsh Schoolboy International William Jennings from Barry.

The Wanderers opened the season as usual—with a defeat—not having started with a win since 1904, on this occasion Newcastle winning 2-1 at Burnden.

Six victories in the next eight games however saw the Wanderers in 6th place but within the space of a week they were shocked when Manchester United won 3-0 in a Lancashire Cup tie and Blackburn Rovers hit six without reply at Ewood.

By the end of 1912 the Club were still in 6th position and had parted with Tom Barber to Aston Villa after 107 League and Cup games with the Club. Barber, who was born within a hundred yards of Newcastle United, had been signed by John

Somerville in 1908 and the profit, from the fee of £1950 received, went towards the erection of a cover on the Great Lever stand.

The first week of 1913 saw the Wanderers climb into second spot in the League with home wins over Sheffield United by 4-2 and Arsenal by 5-1. Attentions turned to the FA Cup but these were short lived and Oldham ended Bolton's interest in the competition.

Six consecutive draws were enough to remain in third position by mid March. Of these the







highlights were a 2-2 draw at Sheffield Wednesday, after being two down, and a 3-3 draw at Derby, after being 3-1 down in which

Edmondson saved a Barnes penalty and Greenhalgh hit the equaliser two minutes from time.

In an effort to reinforce the Club's championship ambitions Bob Glendinning was recruited from cup winners Barnsley. One win in the final 7 games however ended any hopes. The turning point came when

## **SEASON** 1912/13

• Photo •
Taken before
2-0 home win
v Spurs
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1913

Back Row
Jackson, Eccles, Meir, Gimblett,
Hamer, Donaldson, Greenhalgh,
Swainson, Edmondson,
Feebery, Rowley, Ward,
Cartwright.
Miss Banus, Settle (Manager),
Mrs. Steele.

Front Row Glendenning, Stones, Jones, Hughes, Baverstock, Smith, Whiteside, Vizard, Nichols. Aston Villa won 3-2 at Burnden after the Wanderers had been 2-0 thanks to goals from Smith and Hughes. Villa struck back with their first goal coming from Tom Barber, and their winner, in the final minute.

It was a poor finish to an otherwise profitable season for the Club. This ended on the field with a seven game tour of Germany and Austria in which the Wanderers scored a 12-0 win against the German Association.

During the season the Great Lever stand was covered with an intention to join up the new roof with the old ones to make three sides of the ground completely covered. A profit of £4000 was recorded after paying for the stand and manager Will Settle was engaged for a further 5 years.



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Today's Programme Spot moves away from a review of a fellow Third Division Programme and covers a very interesting non-league programme in the form of Spalding Utd.'s F.A. Challenge Vase—Sixth Round meeting against Guiseley. The reason being former Wanderers star players Jim McDonagh and Frank Worthington facing each other.

Spalding Utd. who play in the Beazer Homes League produced a 24 page programme priced at 50p which turned out to be both an interesting and fascinating

read.

With both teams aiming for a Wembley place, something had to give and it was Frank Worthington inspired Guiseley who sealed the win after extra time, thus giving them a semi-final clash against neighbours Bridlington.





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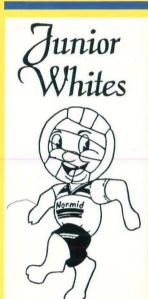
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Next HB Junior Whites Meeting

Monday • 26th March 6.30 p.m.

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#### **TODAY'S REFEREE**

G. SINGH (Wolverhampton)

Mr. Singh commenced refereeing in Wolverhampton in season 1978/79 and progressed to Football League Linesman in 1986/87 before joining Football League Referee this season. He is married and employed as an accountant, interest and hobbies include all sports, as well as attending various football meetings.





#### TODAY'S MASCOT

Terry Litherland
Terry is 9 years old and lives
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Cherry Tree School and his
favourite player is Barry
Cowdrill.

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#### **NEXT HOME GAMES**

#### **BOLTON WANDERERS v READING**

Barclays League Tuesday, 3rd April, 1990 • Kick-Off 7.30 p.m.

#### **RESERVES v WIGAN ATHLETIC**

Pontins League Friday, 30th March, 1990. • Kick-Off 7.00 p.m.



#### **BOLTON WANDERERS**White Shirts/Blue Shorts

- 1 Dave FELGATE
- 2 Phil BROWN
- 3 Barry COWDRILL
- **4 Paul COMSTIVE**
- 5 Mark CAME
- 6 Mark WINSTANLEY
- 7 Stuart STORER
- 8 Steve THOMPSON
- 9 David REEVES
- 10 Tony PHILLISKIRK
- 11 Julian DARBY

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#### **TODAYS LINE UP**

#### BRENTFORD

Red & White Striped Shirts/ Black Shorts

- 1 Tony PARKS
- 2 Simon RATCLIFFE
- 3 Mark FLEMING
- 4 Keith MILLEN
- 5 Terry EVANS
- 6 Paul BUCKLE
- 7 Keith JONES
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